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**To:** FCC  
**From:** BOROUGH MANAGER  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 06/03/02  
**Re:** CS Docket No. 02-52

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Please accept the following relative to the Declaratory Ruling regarding the regulatory treatment for Broadband access to the internet over cable facilities.

As an experienced municipal manager, having served in five (5) municipalities, all of whom had franchise agreements with one or more cable system providers I wish to weigh in on the regulation of internet access over cable facilities.

The existing cable system works in favor of the consumer because the franchising municipal agency is the first level of complaint solution and because the franchising municipal agency has the power to terminate any franchise for failure to provide service to the consumer.

To extend the franchise authority to internet service over cable facilities is the only solution to guarantee the consumer the same level of service response as exists in the television cable system. This is the only system that has maintained independence and integrity when dealing with the provider and when acting as an advocate for the consumer.

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Bangor Borough